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Town of
PEACE RIVER

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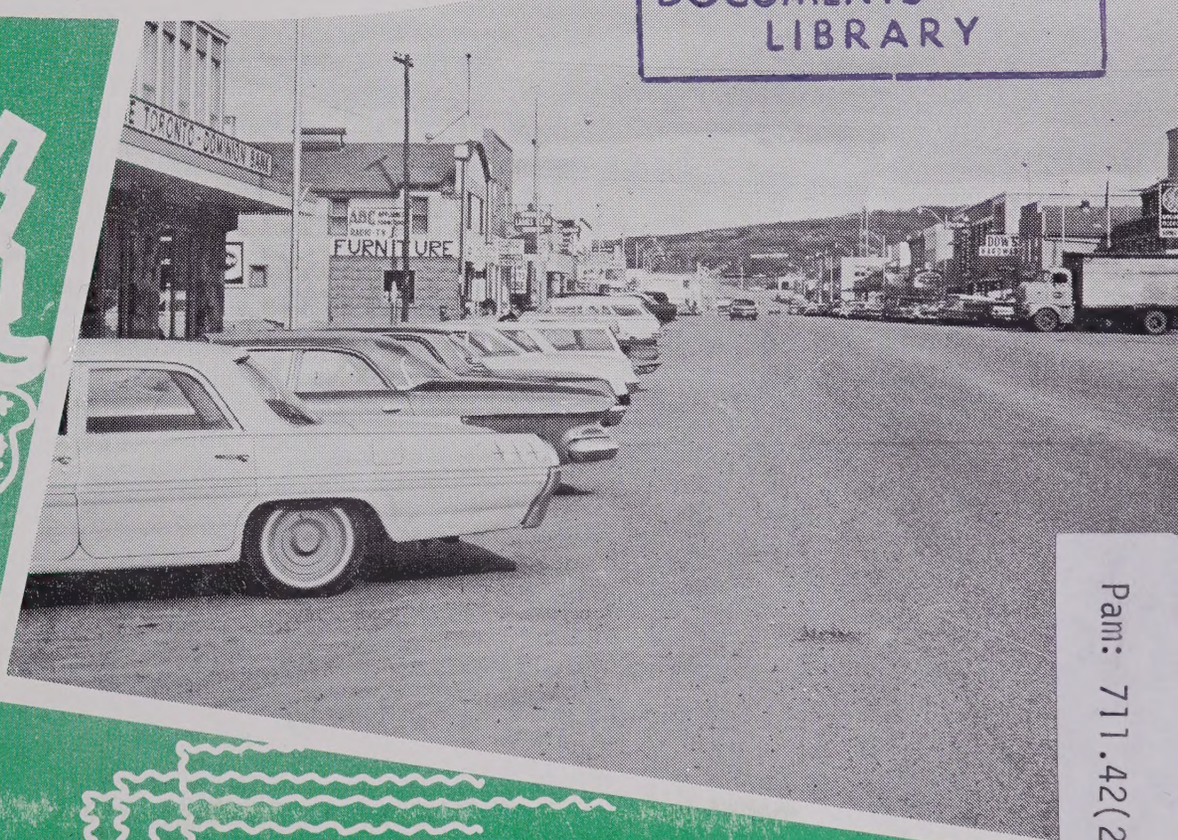

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TOWN OF PEACE RIVER

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1 LOCATION

Section 31-83-21-W5 in Census Division No. 15. This location is on the east bank of the Peace River, 317 miles northwest of Edmonton by rail on the Northern Alberta Railway. It is 304 miles by paved highways number 16-43-34 and 2 and 244 miles by air from Edmonton.

2. ALTITUDE

1103 feet
Latitude - 56/14 Longitude - 117/17

3. TEMPERATURE

Average summer - 58.2 degrees F.
Average winter - 6.7 degrees F.
Average annual - 34.2 degrees F.

4. PRECIPITATION

Average annual rainfall - 10.22 inches
Average annual snowfall - 77 inches.
Average annual precipitation - 17.92 inches.
(Note - sections 3 and 4 were taken from the weather station at Fairview.)

5. GEOLOGY

Peace River town stands on bedrock of the Lower Cretaceous Age—the St. John and Peace River formations. The St. John formation which overlies the Peace River formation, is composed of dark grey shales with some ironstone bands and concretions. The Peace River formation at or near the town of Peace River consists of massive sandstone which contains some good quality silica sands.

6. SOIL

Peace River is in the dark grey and dark grey wooded soil zone.

Vegetation —

Mainly woodland in which the tree growth is frequently denser and has more evergreens than in the black zone.

Soil Profile —

Generally variable, ranging from nearly black to grey. The surface horizon consists of a thin layer of semi-decomposed leaf litter which may be absent in burned over areas, underlain by a mineral horizon that can usually be divided into two parts. The upper part may be black, grey black or dark brown. The lower part is frequently somewhat leached of organic matter and considerably greyer than the upper part. The total depth of these surface horizons averages about 10 to 12 inches. The sub-horizons are generally dark brown in color and lime is found at depths of about 30 to 50 inches.

Fertility —

These soils are usually not as rich as those of the black zone. Leaching of the surface horizons has resulted in the loss of some plant nutrients. Nitrogen, phosphorus and sometimes sulphur may be deficient.

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Land Use —

A system of mixed farming that includes legumes and grasses in the crop rotation, supplemented with applications of fertilizer when required, should be practised for best results.

7. HISTORY

The Town of Peace River derived its name from the river that flows north along its west boundary.

The history of the town is the history of the early fur traders and Christian Missionaries. The trading posts were named "forts" and the headquarters of the missionaries were called "missions".

The names of the forts which form the town's historical backgrounds were the Fort of the Forks established in 1792, Fort Vermilion established in 1798, Fort Dunvegan established in 1800 by the North West Company, Hudson's Bay Fort at Fort McLeod and an XY Company Fort.

Among the first white men to visit Peace River was Sir Alexander Mackenzie who was on his way to set up a fur trading post for the North West Company and in search of a passage to the Pacific. On March 26, 1821 the Hudson's Bay Company and the North West Company amalgamated to form the present Hudson's Bay Company.

Roman Catholic priests were the first missionaries to visit the Peace River district in 1845. In 1881 the Rev. J. Brick established an Anglican Mission at Fort Dunvegan. The buildings were moved to Shaftesbury, 60 miles down river in 1888. He started a farm near this mission and a sample of his wheat took first prize at the International Seed Exhibition in Chicago. His son, Allie Brick, was the first person elected to represent the Peace River district in the Alberta Legislature. Rev. Murdock Johnston continued the work for the Anglican Church holding monthly services at Peace River and in 1912 the first Anglican church was built in the town. The Athabasca Diocese with headquarters at Peace River was established in 1874 and covers approximately 200,000 square miles.

The first homesteaders to arrive in the district travelled via Athabasca and later some came via Edson and Sturgeon Lake. The Edmonton-Dunvegan and British Columbia Railway (now the Northern Alberta Railway) which was completed to Peace River in 1915 brought in an influx of settlers. At the present time the Canadian National Railway is constructing the Great Slave Lake Railway from Roma, 7 miles west of Peace River to Hay River Pine Point on the Great Slave Lake. The first 70 miles are completed and in use. The remaining 400 miles should be completed by 1965.

8. LIVING CONDITIONS

Peace River town lies in the valley of the Peace River. From the hill overlooking the town one gets a magnificent view of the river which is 800 feet below and if you glance upstream you will see the Smoky River emptying into the Peace.

The climate is moderate considering the latitude. Winters are cold with temperatures of 30 to 40 degrees below zero but are frequently modified by chinook winds from the Pacific coast. Wiinters are dry with moderate snowfall and very little wind. Blizzards and hailstorms are rare in the area. Summer days are warm but not sultry and are noted for the long daylight hours and the short nights.

Fishing is available in the rivers and surrounding lakes. For the hunter excellent shooting for ducks, geese and upland game birds can be

found in the immediate area and moose and deer can be found in the district.

Peace River is not a boom town, but it has made sound steady progress in recent years, building permits exceeding $1,000,000 in each of the last four years. With its fine Court House, Provincial Government office building, new 70 bed hospital with adjacent, auxiliary hospital to be under construction this summer, legal, medical, banking and wholesale services centered at this location it is truly the focal point of the North where professional and business facilities, sporting and recreational amenities, religious and education institutions, the friendly atmosphere of a variety of clubs, and pleasant living conditions in one of the recognized beauty spots of the world at the island studded junction of the rivers, make this gem of commerce and scenic beauty an ideal spot to visit and in which to live.

Average rent for a home is $75.00 and up per month.

9. ADMINISTRATION

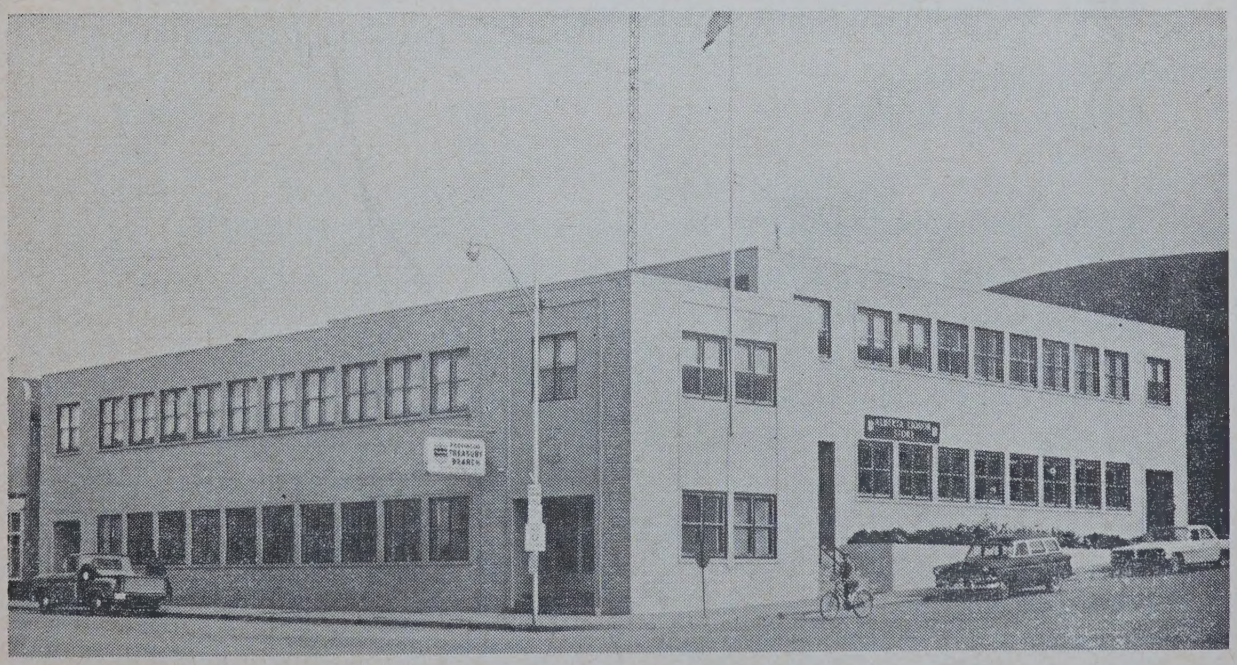
The town is governed by a mayor elected for a two year term and six councillors, two elected each year for a three year term. The secretary-treasurer administers the affairs of the town in accordance with the policies set by the council. Council has the benefit of assistance and advice from the Planning Advisory Commission, Recreation Board and the Library Board, who were established by the council

10. LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The town is policed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, three constables. The RCMP also police the highway and rural area.

Two resident police magistrates, district court, clerk of the court, sheriff and Supreme Court, Peace River is a sub-division headquarters for the RCMP.

Building Regulations — The town's building by-laws are based on the National Building Code. Plans for all new buildings must be submitted to the town building inspector for approval and a permit issued before work commences.



The Provincial Building, housing provincial government offices and services

Electrical installations must comply with the Alberta Electrical Protection Act.

Sanitary installations must comply with the Provincial Health Regulations.

Gas installations must comply with the Alberta Gas Protection Act.

11. FIRE PROTECTION

The fire brigade consists of a Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, 2 captains and 22 volunteer firemen. The fire department have won many efficiency awards.

Equipment — One - 450 GPM pumper with 500 gallon tank, one - 625 GPM pumper with 500 gallon tank, 2,700 feet of 2½ inch hose, 900 feet of 1½ inch hose, aluminum ladders, 2 portable booster pumps, 2 - 75 lb. dry chemical hand extinguishers, 2 air demand masks, oxygen masks, 2 chemox axes, crowbars, coats, etc.

Water Supply — Water is obtained from the Peace River and is pumped into three reservoirs with a combined capacity of 350,000 gallons. There are 32 fire hydrants conveniently located throughout the town.

12. TAX STRUCTURE

	1963 Net Assessment
Land, 100 per cent of value	$ 586,380
Improvements, 100 per cent of fair value	2,937,754
Business	606,830
Power	38,130
Gas Lines	15,380
Total Assessment	$4,184,474

Mill Rate —	Municipal	School	Hospital	Total
	22.74	31.24	8.02	62mills

13. AREAS

Total area of town - 709 acres.
Parks and playgrounds - 24 acres.
Streets, roads and lanes - 55 acres.

Miles of Roads, Streets and Lanes -

	Asphalt	Gravel	Improved Earth	Total
Provincial Main	.5			.5
Streets and Roads	1	7.8	1.8	10.6
Lanes		1.8	2.8	4.6
Total Miles				15.7

There are approximately 10.5 miles of concrete sidewalk.

14. SEWER AND WATER MAIN MILEAGE

Storm Sewers - .3 miles.
Sanitary Sewers - 8.2 miles.
Water Mains - 8.7 miles.

15. POWER

Three phase 60 cycle power is supplied to the town under a franchise by the Northland Utilities Limited.

Domestic Rates

This rate is available for 115 or 115/230 V service to all residential consumers located in the community who are within reach of the existing distribution lines of the company (150 feet) and who use the

company's standard service in an individual residence through a single meter for residential lighting and for approved cooking, heating or utility appliances whether plug in or permanently connected.

First 10 KWH or less per month - $1.50.
Next 20 KWH used per month - 6c per KWH.
Next 270 KWH used per month - 2½c per KWH.
All over 300 KWH used per month - 1½ per KWH.
Minimum monthly charge - $1.50.
Terms of Payment - The above rates are net and apply to bills paid within 10 days of billing date. An additional charge of 5 per cent will be added for collection charges on all bills not paid within 10 days after the billing date.

Commercial Rates

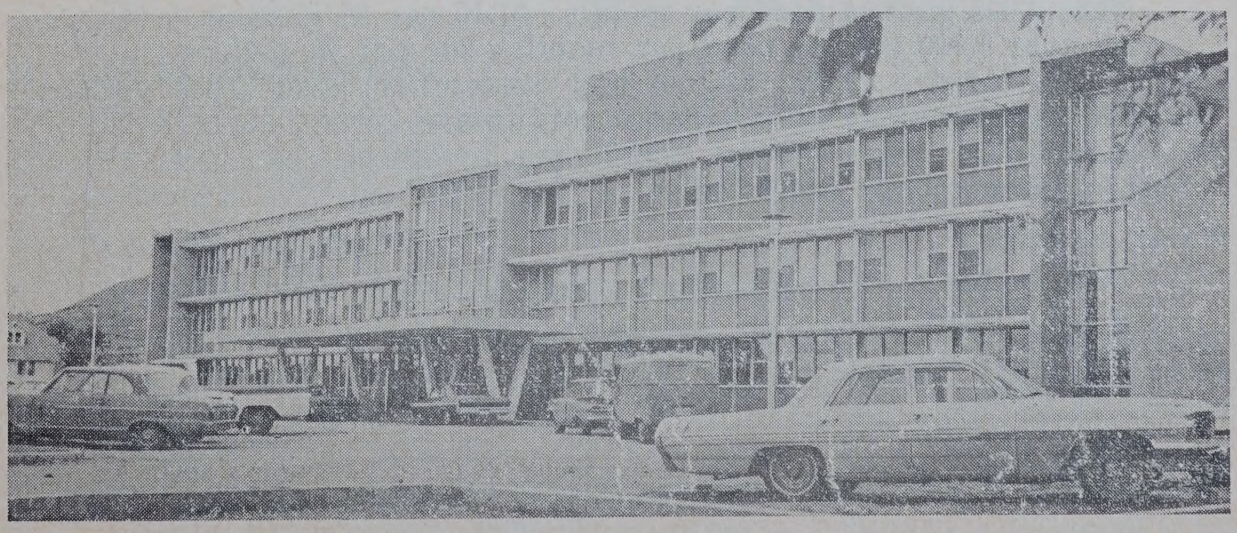
This rate is available for 115 or 115/230V service to all commercial places of business, stores, shops, hotels, lodges and all other commercial lighting consumers in the community who are within reach of the existing distribution lines of the company (150 feet) and who use the company's standard service through a single meter for commercial lighting purposes only supplied to a single building or to a single tenant.

Demand Charge - First kilowatt of connected load used - $1.50.
All additional kilowatts of connected load used - 50c per KW.

Energy Charge - First KWH used per month per KW of connected load - 7c per KWH.
Next 50 KWH used per month per KW of connected load - 6c per KWH.
Next 200 KWH used per month per K.W. of connected load - 3c per KWH.
All over 300 KWH used per month per KW of connected load - 2c per KWH.

Minimum Charge - The minimum monthly charge shall be equal to the demand charge but not less than $1.50 per month.

Terms of payment - The above rates are net and apply to the bills paid within 10 days of billing date. An additional charge of 5 per cent will be added for collection charges on all bills not paid within 10 days of billing.



The town is proud of the new Peace River Municipal Hospital

Power Rates

These rates are available to all small commercial consumers located within the community who are within reach of the existing distribution line sof the company (150 feet) and who use the company's standard service at voltage of 115 or 230 commercial power service to three phase motors, two HP capacity or other permanently installed electric devices of not less than two KW capacity each.

Service Charge - $1.00 per month per HP of connected load.

Plus Energy Charge - First 30 KWH used per month per HP of connected load - 7c per KWH.

Next 30 KWH used per month per HP of connected load - 4c per KWH.

All over 60 KWH used per month per HP of connected load - 2½c per KWH.

Minimum Monthly Charge - The minimum charge shall be $1.00 per month per HP of connected load, but not less than $5.00.

Terms of payment - The above rates are net and apply to bills paid within 10 days of the billing date. An additional charge of 5 per cent will be added for collection charges on all bills not paid within 10 days of the date of billing.

Large industrial power users may apply to the company for special rates.

16. WATER

The town has an abundant supply of good water. The raw water is taken from the river and delivered to the water treatment plant by means of three low lift pumps located on the river bank. The treatment plant is located part way up the banks of the valley.

Construction of the plant was completed in 1960 and it has modern treatment facilities. It is of sufficient capacity to serve a town twice the size of Peace River. The treated water is stored in two 50,000 gallon reservoirs at the plant and one 250,000 gallon reservoir located on a hill north of the business section. Water is supplied from these reservoirs to the majority of the distribution system. New sub-divisions located on the upper levels are being fed by a pressure system located in the treatment plant. All water services are metered.

Rates - For the first 2,000 gallons or less used per month - $4.00.

Next 3,000 gallons used per month - $1.10 per M gallons.

All over 5,000 gallons used per month - 90c per M gallons.

Summer rates (July, August and September) over 5,000 gallons - 45c per M gallons to residential consumers.

Residential sewer charge - $2.00 per month.

Minimum monthly bill - $4.00.

Water Aanalysis	Parts per Million
Total Solids	212
Ignition Loss	92
Hardness	130
Sulphates	38
Chlorides	3
Alkalinity	85
Nature of Alkalinity - Bicarbonate of Lime and Magnesium.	
Nitrites	nil

Nitrates	nil
Iron	nil
Fluorine	nil

Remarks - Water is chemically suitable.

17. GAS

Natural gas is supplied to the town under a franchise by Northland Utilities Limited.

Domestic Rates

Available to all consumers of natural gas.
First 3 MCF or less used per month - $3.00.
All additional MCF used per month - 70c per MCF.
Minimum monthly charge - $3.00.

Commercial Rates

Fixed charge - $7.00 per month.
Plus commodity charge - 67c per MCF.
Minimum monthly charge - $7.00.
Large users of gas may apply to the company for special rates.

18. L.P. GAS

Heat value - 2,521 b.t.u. per cu. feet at 60 degrees F.
100 lb. cylinders - $6.50.
Bulk - 20c per gallon.
Storage capacity - 30,000 gallons.

19. DIESEL FUEL

Heat value - 135,000 to 140,000 b.t.u. per gallon at 60 degrees F.
Winter grade - 20c per gallon.
Summer grade - 18c per gallon.
Storage capacity - 19,000 gallons.

20. COAL

Coal is obtained from the Edmonton and McLeod River fields. Very little coal is used by the town residents.

Cost per ton delivered

	Slack	Nut	Egg	Lump
Edmonton	$9.00	$11.75	$11.75	$17.00
McLeod River	$8.00	$13.35	$12.75	$18.00

21. LOCAL RESOURCES

Wheat and coarse grains, grass seed, forage crops, root crops, vegetables, cattle, sheep, hogs, dairy products, poultry products, straw, honey, oil (30 degrees API gravity), gas, sand, common sand, gravel, clay for bricks.

22. GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND SERVICES

Federal Post Office, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (sub-division headquarters), Veteran Land Act (district office), Department of Agriculture (Health of Animal Division), Department of Transport (meteorological office).

Provincial -
Alberta Government Telephone, Alberta Treasury Branch, Police Magistrate, Clerk of the Court, Department of Lands and Forests

(game warden, Green Valley Game Preserve), Department of Highways (traffic inspector), Liquor Vendor, Peace River Civil Defense Unit, Peace River Health Unit, Peace River School Division No. 10, Superintendent of Schools, Department of Public Welfare, Attorney General Department (Juvenile Offenders Branch, Sheriffs Office), Department of Labour (Electrical Protection and Gas Protection Inspectors).

Municipal -
Town Hall housing Secretary-Treasurer and Staff, Council Chamber, Superintendent of Public Works, Child Welfare, Police Department, Recreation Director, Library, Civil Defence), Fire Hall and Hospital.

23. HEALTH SERVICES

The Peace River Municipal Hospital has 70 beds and 12 bassinettes. The hospital has a staff of 1 Director of Nurses, 31 graduate nurses, 13 nursing aides, 2 x-ray technicians, 1 lab technician, plus orderlies, kitchen and maintenance staff.

Public Ward Rates - Residents, $1.60; Non-residents, $11.50.

The Peace River Health Unit provides the following services: immunization of school and pre-school children, examination of any person residing in the health unit district, pre-natal and post-natal care, the inspection of water and food supplies as well as sanitary inspection. The health unit is staffed by one doctor, 6 graduate nurses, two steno technicians, 1 sanitary inspector and 2 dental technicians.

Other facilities - 8 doctors, 2 dentists, 1 chiropractor, 2 optometrists, 3 drug stores, 1 funeral parlor, 1 veterinarian.

24. PROFESSIONAL AND SKILLED PERSONAL SERVICES

(Excluding Health Services)

Type of Service	No. of Establishments
Accountants	2
Barristers	6
Beauty Parlors	3
Barbers Shops	3
Watch Repairs	2

25. TRANSPORTATION

Northern Alberta Railway - every second day from Edmonton to Hines Creek via Peace River.
Canadian National Railway - Roma to Manning, freight service only (railway under construction to Pine Point to be completed by 1965).

Canadian Coachway Bus - Three trips daily each way from Edmonton to Hines Creek via Peace River.

Pacific Western Airlines - Daily service to Edmonton and Yellowknife (chartered flights available).

Peace River Air Service - Chartered flights.
Truck - Daily service to Edmonton (2 depots).
Three Taxi Stands - 4 cabs.

26. NEWSPAPERS

Peace River Record Gazette - weekly.

27. COMMUNICATIONS

Alberta Government Telephones, Northern Alberta Railway, Post Office.
Nearest Radio Station - CKYL "The Big Voice in the Big Country".
Nearest Television Station - CBXAT - TV, channel 7.
Several companies have teletype and telex service.

28. FINANCIAL FACILITIES

Bank of Nova Scotia, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Toronto Dominion Bank, Provincial Treasury Branch.

29. HOTELS

	No. of Rooms	Rates	Licensed
McNamara	35	$3.00 up	yes
Victory	35	$3.00 up	yes

30. MOTELS

	No. of Units	Grade	Rate
Bluebird	6	1 star	$5.00 up
Crescent	23	4 star	$5.00 up
Del Ray	16	4 star	$5.00 up
Bluebird Trailer Court			

A new commercial trailer court is being developed.

31. CHURCHES

Anglican, Baptist, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Pentecostal, Roman Catholic, Salvation Army, United Church of God.

32. LODGES AND SERVICE CLUBS

Masonic, I.O.D.E., Knights of Columbus, Elks, United Commercial Travellers, Chamber of Commerce, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Kinsmen, Optimist, Rotary, Canadian Legion, Women's Auxiliary Canadian Legion.

Modern attractive homes and gardens enhance the residential section

33. SOCIETIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Athletic Association, Fish and Game Association, Historical Society, Old Timers Association, Red Cross Society, Stampede and Exhibition Associations, Home and School Association, Women's Auxiliary in Churches, Recreation Commission.

34. EDUCATION

The Peace River School District No. 2526 is a unit of the Peace River School Division No. 10. Grades 1 to 12 are taught along with the following optional subjects: Typing, Shorthand, Music, French, Art, Drama and Home Economics.

The school population is made up as follows:

	Grade	No. Teachers	No. Pupils
Elementary	1 - 6	19	560
Junior High	7 - 9	6	207
High	10-12	9	154

The Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 43 teaches grades 1 to 11 along with the following optional subjects: French, Music, Art and Drama. The school population is made up as follows:

	Grade	No. Teachers	No. Pupils
Elementary	1 - 6	6	157
Junior High	7 - 9	2	45
High	10-11	1	19

35. THEATRES AND HALLS

	Capacity	Stage	Piano
La Barbara Theatre	500	yes	no
Athabasca Hall	350	yes	yes
Masonic Hall	75	no	yes
Memorial Arena Hall (upstairs)	200	yes	yes
Elks Hall	50	no	yes
Legion Hall	100	yes	yes
School Auditorium	500	yes	yes

36. CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

The Peace River Municipal Library is sponsored by the town, provincial government and membership fees. The Library is open every Tuesday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. There are approximately 5,400 volumes in the library.

The recreation commission has hired a full time recreation director who is responsible and in charge of all sports and other activities held in the town to satisfy the needs of both young and old.

Other Activities - Choral Society, Overture Concert Series, Drama and Art are taught at the school.

37. YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Boys - Cubs, Scouts, Air Cadets, Teen Town.
Girls - Brownies, Guides, Explorers, C.G.I.T., Junior Auxiliary, Teen Town, Figure Skating.

38. SPORTS

Hockey (senior, intermediate, junior, pee wee), baseball (senior and junior), softball, bowling and billards, skating, curling, golf, badminton, swimming, gun club, skiing, boating, water skiing, basketball, football.

Facilities - Covered arena (with natural ice and a seating capacity of 2,500) covered curling rink with four sheets of artificial ice, nine hole golf course with sand greens, open air swimming pool, children's wading pool, basketball diamonds, two gymnasiums, play grounds and school grounds.

39. FAIRS

Peace River is a member of the Peace River Stampede Association which also includes Berwyn and Grimshaw who sponsor a two day stampede on the Bear Lake Sports Grounds.

Annual Horticultural show (one day event).

40. HISTORICAL SITES

The grave of "Twelve Foot Davis" (Sandord Davis) who staked a 12-foot mineral claim during the gold rush.

Cairn near Shaftesbury to mark the spot where Mackenzie landed in 1792 and established "Fort of the Forks".

The Green Valley Game Preserve established by Dr. W. J. Greene, DDS, pioneer flyer.

41. CO-OPERATIVES

Alberta Wheat Pool, United Grain Growers, Northern Alberta Dairy Pool.

One of Peace River's modern, well-equipped schools

43. INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS

Type of Industry or Business	Number of Establishments	Producer or Manufacturer	Wholesale	Retail
Accountants	2	—	—	—
Auctioneer	1	—	—	—
Auto Body Repairs	2	2	—	2
Auto Parts	4	—	3	1
Bakeries	2	2	2	2
Banks	4	—	—	—
Barbers	3	—	—	—
Barristers	6	—	—	—
Beauty Parlors	3	—	—	—
Blacksmith	1	1	—	1
Bottling Works	1	1	1	—
Bowling Alley	1	—	—	—
Brush Service	1	—	—	1
Building Contractor	4	—	—	—
Building Supplies	3	—	2	2
Butchers	2	—	—	2
Cartage Delivery	2	—	—	—
Caterers	1	—	—	1
Chiropractor	1	—	—	—
Clothing (children's)	4	—	—	4
Clothing (men's)	4	—	—	4
Clothing (ladies')	5	—	—	5
Coal Dealers	11	—	—	11
Cold Storage Locker	1	—	—	1
Confectionery	2	—	—	2
Creameries	1	1	1	1
Dentist	2	—	—	—
Doctors	8	—	—	—
Drug Stores	3	—	—	3
Dry Cleaners	4	4	—	4
Electrical Appliances	4	—	—	4
Electrical Contractors	2	—	—	—
Florist	1	—	—	1
Finance Companies	2	—	—	—
Funeral Parlor	1	—	—	—
Fur Buyers	1	—	—	—
Furniture Stores	3	—	—	3
Garages and Service Stations	12	—	—	12
General Stores	2	—	—	2
Grain Elevators (total capacity 60,000 bushels)	1	—	—	—
Grocery Stores	5	—	—	5
Hardware Stores	3	—	—	3
Hatchery	1	1	1	1
Hobby Shops	1	—	—	1
Honey	1	1	1	1
Hotels	2	—	—	—

Type of Industry or Business	Number of Establishments	Producer or Manufacturer	Wholesale	Retail
Implements (cats)	1	—	—	—
Implements (farm)	2	—	—	2
Insurance Adjusters	3	—	—	—
Insurance and Real Estate	3	—	—	—
Jewellers	2	—	—	2
Laundry (coin operated)	1	—	—	1
Laundry	2	2	—	2
Leather Manufacturer	1	1	1	—
Livestock Buyer	1	—	—	—
Lumber Yards	2	—	2	2
Milk Distributors	1	—	1	1
Motels	3	—	—	—
Oil Distributors	2	—	2	—
Oil Drilling	2	—	—	—
Optometrists	2	—	—	—
Painters and Decorators	5	—	—	—
Plasterers	2	—	—	—
Plumbers	4	—	—	—
Pool Room	1	—	—	—
Printer	1	1	1	1
Propane Distributor	1	—	1	1
Radio and Television Repairs	2	—	—	—
Radio Stations	1	—	—	—
Radiator Repairs	1	1	—	1
Restaurants	7	—	—	—
Second Hand Stores	1	—	—	1
Sewing Machine Agents	2	—	—	2
Shoe Repairs	1	1	—	1
Shoe Stores	2	—	—	2
Sign Writer	1	1	—	1
Tailor	1	1	—	1
Taxi	3	—	—	—
Theatre	1	—	—	—
Trailer Sales	1	—	—	1
Trailer Parks	1	—	—	—
Towing Service	3	—	—	—
Transport	4	—	—	—
Travel Bureau	1	—	—	—
Tinsmith	1	1	—	1
Veterinarian	1	—	—	—
Upholsterers	2	2	—	2
Welding and Machine Shops	3	3	—	3
Wholesale (foods)	3	—	3	—
Woodworking	1	1	—	1

43. SITES

Residential and industrial sites can be purchased from the town or private owners at reasonable prices. This property can be purchased along the river, trackage and highway.

44. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

A high proportion of the farms in the Peace River district are devoted to the production of grain. Statistics on occupied farmland and principal crops in the municipal district of Peace River are: occupied land - 494 acres, improved land - 324 acres, area cropped - 222 acres, summer-fallow - 83 acres, wheat - 66 acres, oats - 53 acres, barley - 68 acres, flax-seed - 12 acres, tame hay, improved pasture and other fodder - 33 acres. On the other hand there are 13 cattle, 11 hogs, 1 sheep and 65 domestic poultry per farm. Ten years ago more than one-half of farm cash income came from the sale grain, 12 per cent from cattle and 7 per cent from hogs with a good portion of the balance coming from forage crop seed.

About 65 per cent of the farms are owner occupied. Tenancy as a percentage of total farms were as follows: owner - 65, manager - 1, owner-tenant - 28, and tenant - 6. Only 1.4 per cent were classed as non-resident farms.

The following statistics show a high degree of mechanization. The average farm has 1.1 tractors, 0.6 trucks, 0.8 gasoline engines and 0.6 grain combines.

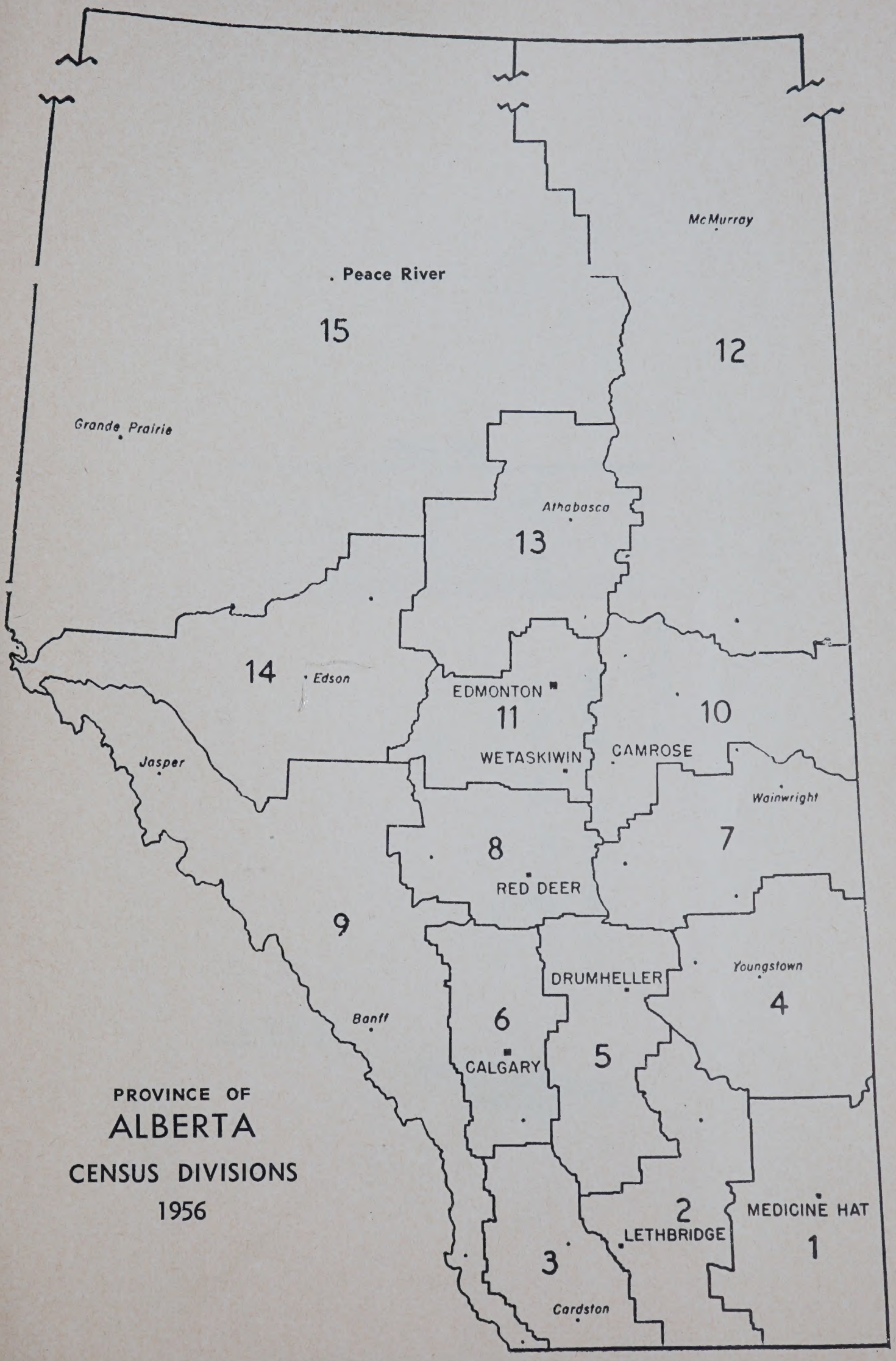
Approximately 50 per cent of the farms are electrified.

45. TRADING AREA

North - 60 miles.
West - 50 miles.
South - 50 miles.
East - 50 miles.

46. POPULATION

Trading area population, 1961 Dominion Census - 27,302.
Town population, 1961 Dominion Census - 2,543.



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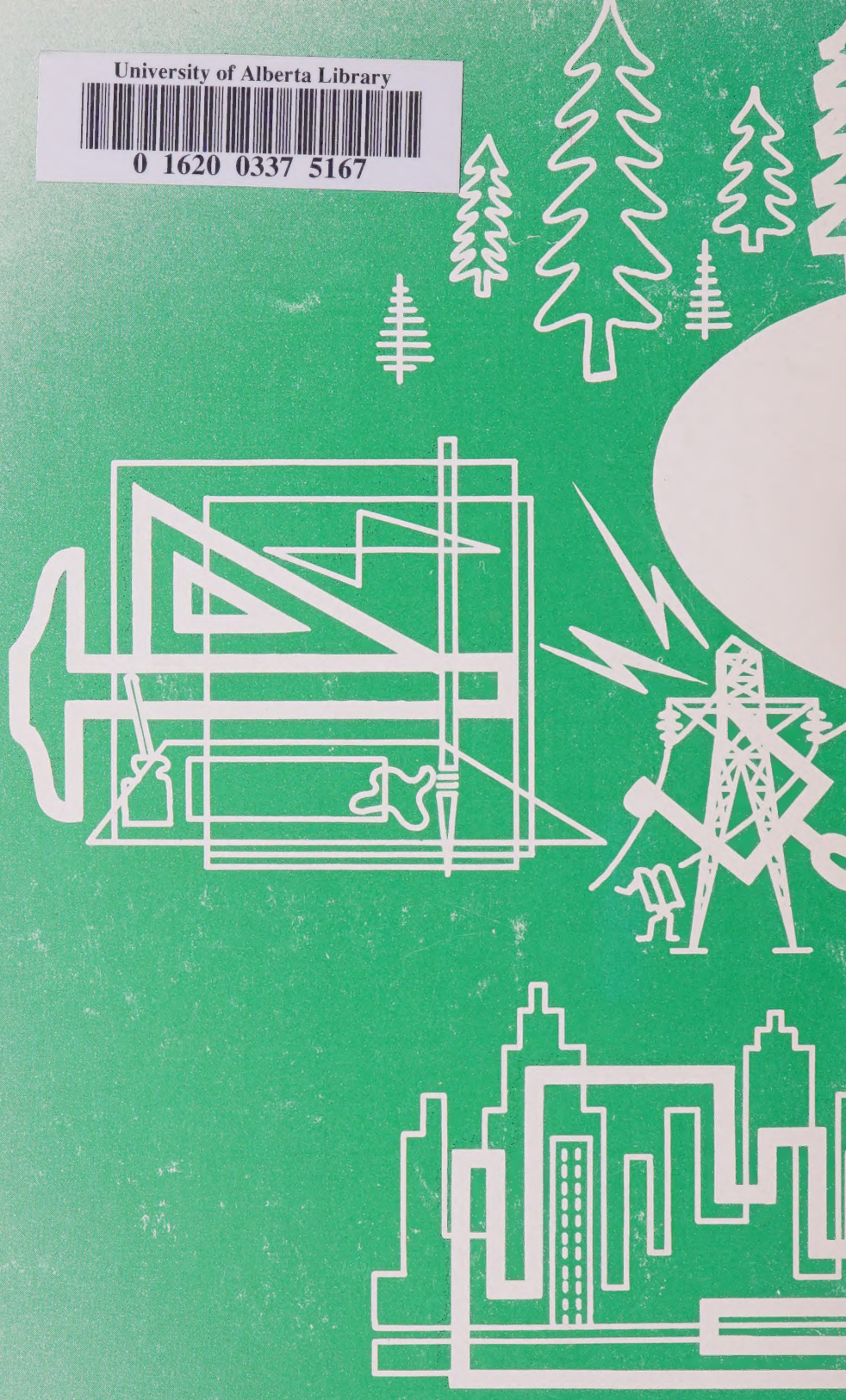
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